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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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MACo & The Montana Legislature

MACo & The Montana Legislature is a new page on the Montana Association of Counties website dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings at the 60th Montana Legislature. You'll find the MACo Resolutions, links to bills pertaining to MACo resolutions, MACo's Weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearings calendars, committee listings, Legislator contact information, and much, much more.

Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this legislative season.

Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

*MACo Bill

Monday, January 15

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
*HB 92 Modernize public health laws	Room 152	3:00 p.m.
HB 39 Ownership update for water rights	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 74 Tax withholding for nonresident mineral, oil, and gas royalty payments	Room 152	9:30 a.m.
HB 110 Statutory appropriation for county payments from hard-rock mining trust account	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 114 Establish Montana energy transmission and transportation authority	Room 455	3:00 p.m.
HB 165 Revise requirements for district court judges	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
HB 177 Repeal the Montana Electronic Transactions With State Agencies... Act	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
HB 182 Fund school technology, at-risk, and gifted and talented	Room 137	3:00 p.m.
*HB 206 Revise county mill levy elections	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
*HB 207 Revise time of oath of office for county officials	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
HB 208 Vehicle forfeitures for DUI	Room 137	9:00 a.m.
HB 242 Revise filing deadline for write-in candidates	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 26 Severed mineral rights registry law	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
SB 38 District allowed to pay educationally-relevant travel from transportation budget	Room 303	3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16

HB 10 Supplemental appropriation for fire suppression	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 102 Revise laws on public financing for special districts	Room 172	3:00 p.m.

HB 147	Revise and clarify application of bed tax and sales and use tax	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 150	Increase statutory appropriation for disasters and emergencies	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 213	Healthy workplace	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
HB 228	Revise building permit laws	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 234	Law enforcement notice to property appraisers for suspected meth houses	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 102	Revise disaster mutual aid agreement law	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 103	Revise local government fire protection laws	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
SB 151	Mandatory hearing aid coverage in health insurance	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 169	Adjust local government basic entitlement share for public defender costs	Room 303	8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 17

HB 33	Revise 9-1-1 emergency phone system laws	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 101	Revise insurance coverage for pediatric audiological services	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
HB 104	Revise exempt water rights laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 144	Clarify waste management laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 163	Limit public employees from and expenditure of public funds on lobbying	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
HB 170	Net metering for wind turbines	Room 172	3:00 p.m.
HB 192	Indemnification provisions in state loans to local government	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
HB 196	Create coal development impact fund	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 202	Revise laws relating to public officials and lobbyists	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
HB 225	Provide for private enforcement of code of conduct and campaign laws	Room 455	8:00 a.m.
SB 108	Revise work comp laws-ind. contractors-med. fees-impaired insurers-etc	Room 422	9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 18

HB 145	Clarify building code inspections in certified county and city programs	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
HB 168	Clarify state fund obligation to provide default coverage	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
HB 191	Appropriation for county infrastructure	Room 102	Upon ADJ
HB 269	Revise weed laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	Room 422	3:00 p.m.
SB 159	Include drug use in county drinking and driving prevention programs	Room 405	3:00 p.m.

Friday, January 19

HB 94	Revise underground storage tank penalty factors	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 119	Revise water quality laws	Room 472	3:00 p.m.
HB 239	Increase fines for speeding in school zones -- require posting	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
HB 250	State payment of cost of child abuse and neglect cases	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 42	Revise economic development programs	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
SB 161	Revise captive insurance laws	Room 422	9:00 a.m.

Projected Session Calendar

Please note: Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

"General bills" is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan 16: Last Day to Request General Bills
Jan 25: Last Day to Request Revenue Bills

Feb 16: Last Day for Committee to Request General Bills
Feb 27: Transmittal of General Bills to Other Chamber
Feb 28-March 4: Transmittal Break
March 21: Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23: Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3: Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5: Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18: through April 7 - Break
April 10: Last day to request study Resolution or Committee Bills to implement HB2
April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27: Session Adjourns; Sine Die

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

<u>#</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>As Of</u>
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	Hearing	1/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	Hearing	1/08
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	Hearing	1/09
HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	Hearing	1/09
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	Hearing	1/15
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	Hearing	1/09
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	Referred to Committee	1/09
HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	Hearing	1/15
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	Hearing	1/15
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	Introduced	1/09
SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	1/10
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Hearing	1/18
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	Hearing	1/12
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Referred to Committee	1/05
LC0026	Establish board; fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	Draft in Assembly	1/11
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hine	Draft on Hold	1/18
LC0697	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	Draft Ready for Delivery	12/27
LC0950	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	Draft to Requester for Review	1/09
LC1070	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	Draft Ready for Delivery	1/03
LC1153	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	Draft Request Received	11/28
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1157	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	Draft Taken off Hold	1/11
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1294	Independent and partisan candidate filing deadlines	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	Draft Ready for Delivery	1/11
LC1473	Prohibit use of non-wood bats in competitive baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	Draft Ready for Delivery	12/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	1/11
LC1544	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	Draft Ready for Delivery	1/08
LC1545	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	Draft on Hold	1/06
LC1546	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Draft Ready for Delivery	1/09
LC1560	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	Draft to Requester for Review	12/29
LC1669	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	Draft Request Received	12/04
LC1736	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	Draft on Hold	12/28
LC1767	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Draft Request Received	12/05
LC1796	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	Draft in Assembly	12/21
LC1933	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	Introduced	1/12
LC2204	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	Draft to Requester for Review	1/03

County Administration

HB 163	Limit public employees from and expenditure of public funds on lobbying
HB 191	Appropriation for county infrastructure
HB 251	Allow creation of city court of record
HB 252	Revise local government powers
HB 267	Clarify impact fee laws
HB 280	Revise impact fee laws
SB 233	Allow multiple counties to create museum districts
SB 235	Establish SW Montana veterans' home - use 2 cents cigarette tax money

Courts, Justice, Public Safety

HB 110	Statutory appropriation for county payments from hard-rock mining trust account
HB 187	Increase jury duty pay
HB 208	Vehicle forfeitures for DUI
HB 229	Judicial recusal from case where attorney made campaign contribution
HB 234	Law enforcement notice to property appraisers for suspected meth houses
HB 239	Increase fines for speeding in school zones -- require posting
HB 250	State payment of cost of child abuse and neglect cases
HB 290	Loan of equipment to fire agencies
SB 102	Revise disaster mutual aid agreement law
SB 103	Revise local government fire protection laws
SB 169	Adjust local government basic entitlement share for public defender costs
SB 227	Revise collection and justice court laws

Employment

SB 191	Revise work comp exemption requirements for independent contractors
SB 214	Independent contractor exemption for certain corporate officers

Health and Human Services

HB 213	Healthy workplace
HB 246	Disclosure of preferred provider contracting with nonpreferred provider
SB 186	School district access to health insurance loss information
SB 193	Increase time to file petition to remove child from home
SB 203	Allow civil air patrol cadets under 18 to participate in search & rescue
SB 212	Revise time for treatment plan for mental health facility
SB 216	Protocol for mental health transport
SB 218	Sequestration standards for carbon dioxide

Land Use and Economic Development

HB 201	Authorize opencut mine permit fee
HB 228	Revise building permit laws
HB 235	Business improvement district law
SB 190	Interim study to determine the feasibility of a bike path
SB 199	Revise sewer district laws
SB 201	Revise subdivision laws
SB 213	Revise appraisals and land banking procedure

Natural Resources; Environment

SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges
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HB 104	Revise exempt water rights laws
HB 184	Protect public access to water via growth policy
HB 196	Create coal development impact fund
HB 203	Revise controlled ground water law
HB 205	Revise controlled ground water laws
HB 262	Water rights in growth counties
HB 269	Revise weed laws
HJ 6	Urge agriculture to produce 25% of energy consumed by 2025
SB 223	Generally revise water appropriation laws

State Administration

HB 10	Supplemental appropriation for fire suppression
HB 150	Increase statutory appropriation for disasters and emergencies
HB 168	Clarify state fund obligation to provide default coverage
HB 170	Net metering for wind turbines
HB 182	Fund school technology, at-risk, and gifted and talented
HB 192	Indemnification provisions in state loans to local government
HB 202	Revise laws relating to public officials and lobbyists
HB 204	Revise state expenditure limit
HB 218	Revise net metering laws
HB 221	Reduce size of legislature
HB 225	Provide for private enforcement of code of conduct and campaign laws
HB 242	Revise filing deadline for write-in candidates
HB 245	State assumption of absentee ballot cost
HB 257	Revise taxpayer bill of rights
HB 265	Clarify vote requirements for planning board
HB 266	Revising late voter registration
HB 279	Restrict signature gatherers to hourly wage
HB 281	Revise election laws
HB 286	Revise allocation of workforce training funds to high poverty areas
HJ 9	Interim study of laws relating to recording of easements
SB 181	Revise deadlines for write-in candidates to conform to mail election timelines
SB 202	Public financing of Supreme Court campaigns
SB 209	Transfer registered process servers to Board of Private Security Patrol Officers
SB 225	May choose new mill levy election date after legislative session
SB 232	Allowing recall of elected official for changing political party affiliation
SB 234	Establish fair access to basic property and casualty insurance

Taxes, Fees, Revenues

HB 236	Residential property tax credit for elderly -- adjust for inflation
HB 285	Exempt tribally owned property from taxation
SB 215	Revise property tax levy limit to adjust for inflation
SB 220	Tax law administration -- transactions, compliance, withholding, class 8 exempt
SB 231	Tax reform study committee

Transportation

HB 186	Efficiency standards for state motor pool
SB 222	Revise speed laws near emergency vehicles